

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
February 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008 at the Metro Southeast at Genesco Park. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Debbie Frank, Chairperson	Feller Brown
Richard Fletcher, Vice Chairperson-absent	Lawrence Lipman
Glen Wanner-absent	Kathy Austin-absent
Lt. Anthony Carter	Council Member Carl Burch

Staff Members

Mark Macy, Engineering Director-absent	Jon Michael, Legal Advisor
Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer	Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator
Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II	Benny Word, Collier Engineering
Mauri Lenderman, Collier Engineering	

Others

Council Member Vivian Wilhoite, District 29

Chairperson Debbie Frank called the meeting of February 11, 2008 to order at 3:03 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Frank mentioned Ordinance No. BL2006-1050 regarding the appeals process of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

*"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."*

Ms. Debbie Frank acknowledged the late Ms. Gwen McFarland and all of her achievements and loyalty to the city with a moment of silence.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Larry Lipman moved for ***approval*** of the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Carl Burch and was ***approved with no opposition***.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Capt. Anthony Carter moved for approval of the December 2007 minutes, seconded by Council Member Burch was ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Frank read a list of items proposed for ***approval*** on consent.

1. **Proposal No. 2007M-247U-9** -- Request to abandon a portion of Alley #232 right-of-way and easement from Pine St. northeast to Alley #233 between 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S and I-40, requested by Littlejohn Engineering Associates. (Council Member Erica S. Gilmore, District 19)

### **2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02**

- Authorize new signal at Old Hickory Blvd. at Zermatt Ave. – new development
- Authorize All-Way Stop at:
  - Hunters Ridge and English Village
  - Anderson Rd. and Mossdale Dr.
  - Leake Av. to Westover Dr.
- Establish Leake Ave. from Harding Pk. to Westover Dr. and Westover Dr. to Belle Meade Blvd. as a “through street”\*
- Remove “through street” designation on Anderson Rd. from Owendale to Country Way\*
- Authorize “No Parking or Standing” on both sides of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. N from Jefferson St. to Jackson St.
- Authorize “No Parking” on the east side of Criddle St. from Harrison to the dead end.
- Remove “No Parking Anytime” on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N from Van Buren St. to 400’ N of Van Buren St.

- Authorize Commercial Loading Zone at 110 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, between Commerce St. and Broadway, 75' length, 8am-5pm at the Barbershop Harmony Society
- Authorize Commercial Valet Zone, 50' length, on Polk Ave. between Union Ave. and Church St. at the Homewood Suites
- Remove 100' Valet Zone, 305 Broadway at the former Red Iguana Restaurant and Bar
- Remove 50' Valet Zone, 1911 Broadway at the former Casablanca Restaurant
- Establish "No Trucks Over 5000 Pounds" on John Hagar Rd. from New John Hagar Rd. to Earhart Rd.

\*Change in records only – no change in field

## REPORTS

1. Parking – *on consent agenda*
2. Engineering – *on consent agenda*

Mr. Lipman moved for approval of the above mentioned items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Burch and **approved** by unanimous hand vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Speed limit change on Highway 70S near Saddle Ridge Trace between Charlotte Pk. and Interstate 40, requested by Council Member Eric Crafton – District 22. (deferred from the December 10, 2007 meeting)

Mr. Chip Knauf noted that this item had been deferred several times but that Metro Public Works Staff and Council Member Eric Crafton had come to an agreement on lowering the speed limit on Highway 70S. Mr. Knauf said that the original request was to lower the speed limit from 50mph to 30mph but could not be justified by staff. Metro Public Works and Council Member Crafton agreed to lower the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on a portion of Highway 70S between Charlotte Pk. and Interstate 40.

Council Member Burch asked if Council Member Crafton was in favor of this speed limit change. Mr. Knauf said that he and other members of the staff had spoken with him to come to this agreement and he was in favor of the decision.

Chairperson Debbie Frank asked if the current speed limit was 40mph in this area. Mr. Knauf said that the "advised" speed in this area was 40mph. Advisory signs are underneath warning signs which tell the driver the advised speed in which to drive at a certain location. He said that these signs cannot be enforced by law and would be removed and regular 40mph Speed Limit signs would be installed if approved by

the Commission.

Mr. Larry Lipman moved for approval and was seconded by Mr. Feller Brown and approved by voice vote.

## **APPEALS**

1. Appeal denial of a traffic signal on Bridgeway Ave. at State Route 45, requested by Council Member Darren Jernigan – District 11.

Mr. Chip Knauf requested that this item be deferred indefinitely and stated that Council Member Jernigan was aware of this request. Mr. Knauf said that there had been several fatal accidents – one in December – at this intersection and with a series of collisions or fatal accidents, TDOT thus generates a road safety audit. He and several other members of the staff and Metro Public Works have met with TDOT regarding this location. TDOT is considering a number of options for this intersection and it is too early to recommend a signal. He said that after the audit and recommendations are made, this intersection would come back before the Commission if a signal is recommended. At this point, he would like to request an indefinite deferral pending the TDOT investigation.

Ms. Debbie Frank asked if Council Member Jernigan was aware of the audit and the request for deferral on this item. She also asked if there was an estimated timeline from TDOT. Mr. Knauf said that Council Member Jernigan was aware and in favor of the audit on this intersection and that there is a sense of urgency from TDOT due to the amount of collisions. And if there are any road changes, they would know something within the next few months.

Mr. Lipman made a motion to defer this request indefinitely and was seconded by Mr. Feller Brown and approved by voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal No. 2007M-247U-9** -- Request to abandon a portion of Alley #232 right-of-way and easement from Pine St. northeast to Alley #233 between 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S and I-40, requested by Littlejohn Engineering Associates. (Council Member Erica S. Gilmore, District 19) – *on consent agenda*

**Resolution No. 08-02:** The February monthly regulatory Resolution was previously approved under the Consent Agenda.

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Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 08-02 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Traffic and Parking Commission of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 12 of said Metropolitan Code, said Chapter being entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic' is amended as follows:

Schedule I, 'Traffic Control Signals'

ADD:

Old Hickory Blvd and Zermatt Av

Schedule II, 'Speed Limits'

DELETE:

Memphis-Bristol Hwy (Us 70s) from Interstate 40 to Cheatham Co Line, 50mph

ADD:

Memphis-Bristol Hwy (US 70S) from 350' NW of Saddle Ridge Trace to Cheatham County Line, 50mph

Memphis-Bristol Hwy (US 70S) from Interstate 40 to 350'NW of Saddle Ridge Trace, 40mph

Schedule V, 'Through Streets'

DELETE:

Leake Av from Memphis-Bristol Hy to Belle Meade Bv

ADD:

Leake Av from Westover Dr to Belle Meade Bv

Leake Av from Harding Pk to Westover Dr

Schedule VI, 'Stop and Yield Intersections'

ADD:

All-Way Stop on Leake Av at Westover Dr

All-Way Stop on Anderson Rd at Mossdale Dr

All-Way Stop on Hunters Ridge at English Village

Schedule VII, 'Parking Restrictions'

Section A: Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited

DELETE:

5th Av N, east side from Van Buren St to 400' N Of Van Buren St, NPAT

ADD:

Criddle St, east side from Harrison to Dead End of Criddle St, No Parking

11th Av N, both sides from Jefferson St to Jackson St, No Parking or Standing

Schedule IX, 'Limitations on Size of Vehicles'

Section A: Prohibit Vehicles in Excess of 5000 Pounds

ADD:

John Hager Rd from New John Hager Rd to Earhart Rd

Schedule X, 'Loading Zones'

Section A: Commercial

DELETE:

12th Av N, east side (114), 25', Valet 11am-2pm and 6pm-12mid (12th & Porter)

Broadway, south side (305), 100', 6PM-3AM (Valet) Red Iguana

Broadway, (1911), 50', 6pm-2am (Valet) Casablanca Rest

ADD:

Polk Av, east side Church St to Union, 50', Valet Zone

7TH Av N, Commerce to Broadway, 75', 8am - 5pm (Barbershop Harmony Society)

12<sup>th</sup> Av N, east side (125), 25', Valet (Valet 1)

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in a daily newspaper in Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee and that a certified copy be filed with the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department, and that a certified copy be filed with the Metropolitan clerk, and that said Resolution take effect five (5) days thereafter.

APPROVED: February 11, 2008

EFFECTIVE: February 16, 2008

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**The above mentioned items were previously approved under the Consent Agenda.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Unwarranted All-Way Stop Analysis, presentation by Mr. Chip Knauf.

Chairperson Frank asked Mr. Knauf to hold his presentation until next month's meeting so the Commissioners who were not in attendance today would be able to participate.

Council Member Vivian Wilhoite, District 29, spoke on behalf of the approved All-Way Stop on Anderson Rd. at Mossdale Dr. Council Member Wilhoite said that her original request was for a Traffic Signal at this location but is very happy with an All-Way Stop. She added that she would like to request that, in 6 months, Staff to re-study this intersection for possible traffic signal installation.

Ms. Debbie Frank asked if that would need to be an official request. Mr. Knauf said that he would make it an official task to follow up on and added that there is a warning flasher at this location currently and it would be changed from flashing yellow to flashing red.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Capt. Carter moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Council Member Burch and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Approved on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Director  
Department of Public Works

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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking  
Commission